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Travelling allowance to witnesses summoned by the Fisheries Committee.

* 74 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any, and if so, what travelling allowances to members of the Fisheries Committee during their tour;

(b) whether it is a fact that the non-official witnesses were not given any travelling or halting allowances, and if so, for what reasons;

(c) how many official and non-official witnesses residing outside Madras or Calicut and their suburbs invited to give evidence at Madras or Calicut refused or were unable to attend and how many of such witnesses did attend for giving evidence at Madras or at Calicut;

(d) whether any of the official witnesses drew travelling and daily allowance, and if so, at what rate; and

(e) if the answer to clause (d) is in the affirmative, why Government refused to grant travelling allowance to non-official witnesses that came to give evidence in similar circumstances?

A.—(a) Railway fare—One first class and one third class.
Daily allowance—Rs. 7-8-0.
Mileage—Annas 12.

(b) Yes. Decision to appoint the Committee was taken only after the budget was framed and there were no funds available for this purpose in the budget. The Government wished to keep the expenses on account of this Committee at a minimum.

(c) Twenty-one non-official witnesses did not appear before the Committee while fourteen did. Eight officials also appeared and gave evidence.

(d) All the official witnesses drew travelling and other allowances according to the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules.

(e) Please see answer to clause (b). It was possible to meet the expenses of the officials from sanctioned appropriations.

Industries

Industrial and Trades schools started by Government since 1920.

* 75 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many Industrial and Trades schools have been started since the year 1920 and the places where these schools are located;

(b) the amounts sanctioned annually for the maintenance of these schools;

(c) whether there are any Industrial and Trades schools in Telugu districts or districts north of Madras;

(d) whether any investigation was made by the Development Department during the years 1920—1928 with a view to open new Industrial and Trades schools;

(e) whether an investigation will be made into the industrial conditions in the Telugu districts with a view to open Industrial and Trades schools; and

(f) whether the Government have any report on or reasons for not opening any Industrial school and Trades school in any centre in the Telugu districts?

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A.—It is presumed that the information asked for is in respect of industrial and trade schools started by Government.

(*a*) *to* (*c*) Nil.

(*d*) *to* (*f*) Investigations were made in the years 1920-21 and, again in 1924—26 as a result of the recommendations of the Committee on Technical and Industrial Education, for the establishment of an industrial school in the Northern Circars. The scheme was abandoned for the reason that a private industrial school had at the time just been established at Bezwada by the Brothers of St. Gabriel and that a Government school near by would jeopardise the chance of success of both. In view of this decision the Government requested the Director of Industries to examine the need for an industrial school on the West Coast and Ceded districts. In accordance with this and in pursuance of the recommendations of the Committee on Technical and Industrial Education, the Government have now under consideration proposals received for the opening of industrial schools at Calicut and Bellary and of a Trades school at Mangalore.

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—"May I know whether the Government made any inquiries as to the desirability of opening industrial and trades schools ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"Yes."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know when these schools will be started ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"It is only a question of the availability of funds."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"Whether the Government will consider the starting of industrial schools in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts and whether they will secure the opinion of the industrial concerns there ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"That will be considered."

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—"Is it under the consideration of the Government to start any such schools in Madras ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"There is no such proposal."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I know whether money will be found for the opening of schools at least in the month of January next ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"We hope so."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—"May I know when schools will be opened in the upland districts ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"They will be opened when funds permit."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"Will they be opened in the Telugu districts ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"That is a matter under consideration."